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**Present Application:**

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Title : METHOD FOR ASPHALT COMPACTION AND COMPACTION  
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**Prior Application:**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents:

In accordance with a telephonic Examiner's Interview on July 2, 2001, applicant respectfully submits the following remarks and amendments to place the application in condition for allowance. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a continuation of pending United States Patent Application No. 09/269,003, filed June 14, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,350,082